

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday 16th December 2018

CHANGE of DATE for Next IRTS Committee Meeting

Notice to members from Robert EI5KH Hon. Secretary IRTS.

Please note that due to unforeseen circumstances, the date of the next IRTS Committee meeting has been changed to 19th January 2019. The venue remains as planned, Maldron Hotel Portlaoise.

This is a change from the date published in the current edition of Echo Ireland, as the decision was taken after publication and distribution.

The dates for the next 2 meetings are 19th January Portlaoise and 2nd March Athlone.

YOTA

December is YOTA (youngsters in the air) month and several YOTA callsigns are active around the world.

EI0YOTA is also active and is available to any licenced amateur or club who would like to use it.

For further details regarding available usage slots please contact Brian EI8IU.

Cork Radio Club

Cork Radio Club will have its final meeting of the year on Wednesday next in Carrigtwohill Community Centre in Carrigtwohill starting at 2000.

As this is their Christmas meeting, all members are asked to make an effort to attend.

Visitors and new members will as usual be made very welcome.

As part of the review of the past year, Ei's most active DXpeditioner , Dave Deane EI9FBB will recount details of his many travels in 2018.

Details about the club by email at “info /at/ corkradioclub /dot/ ie” or by phone on 087-6290574.

A very Happy Christmas and a Healthy New Year to all from Cork Radio Club.

South Eastern Amateur Radio Group

The South Eastern Amateur Radio Group would like to take this opportunity to wish all their radio friends and their families in Ireland and around the world a very happy and peaceful Christmas 2018. The Group hopes you all have a wonderful time and that Santa is good to you. They would also like to extend every good wish to you all for the new year ahead. Hopefully 2019 brings you all good health, good wealth and plenty of new DXCC's.

There will be no December meeting of the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group. Their next meeting will be on Monday the 28th January 2019 in the Roanmore Social and Sports Centre, Cleaboy Road, Waterford at 8.00 p.m. sharp. New members or anyone interested in learning more about amateur radio or the group are as always very welcome to attend. For anyone who wishes to find out more about the South Eastern Amateur Radio Group and their activities you can drop them an email to “info /at/ searg /dot/ ie” or please feel free to come along to any of their meetings. You can check out their website www.searg.ie and you can also join them on Facebook and follow them on Twitter.

South Dublin Radio Club

Following a successful xmas party South Dublin Radio club will now break for Xmas and return on January 8th 2019. The club would like to wish everyone a happy holidays.

EI100MCV, Last Chance to Operate

Final reminder that as we approach December 31 the National Maritime Museum of Ireland Radio Club would like to invite EI licence holders to operate Special Event Call Sign EI100MCV before the licence expires. This commemorates the centenary of the sinking, by torpedo, of RMS Leinster in the final days of World War 1, resulting in the largest loss of life in the Irish Sea.

Any EI licensed operator can operate the call from their own QTH between now and

Dec 31st. Anyone wishing to do so should contact Dave O'Connor EI6AL for further information.

Those who have already used the call can still use the Google doc. form to register their desired Date, Time and Mode.

Logs should be forwarded in ADI format to Dave O'Connor EI6AL.

DX News

Harry JG7PSJ will be back on Ogasawara Island from 17th December – 2nd January. He will reactivate his JD1BMH callsign. Ogasawara counts as a separate entity for DXCC purposes. QSL to his home call.

YL operator Chie 7L3PFH will be QRV from Saipan in the Mariana Islands as KH0TG from 26th December – 1st January. She will be on 160 – 20m CW and SSB. QSL manager is JL1UTS.

Daniel VK4AFU will be operating from Vanuatu using the callsign YJ0AFU from 25th December – 8th January. He will use 160 – 6m on CW, SSB and FT8.

Alex RD1AV has been active in recent weeks as RI1ANC from Vostok Base in the Antarctic. This licence will expire on 24th December. It has been reported that a new callsign RI1ANV will soon be registered for Vostok Base. QSL manager is RN1ON.

Items for inclusion in next week's Radio News can be submitted via e-mail to "newsteam /at/ irts / dot / ie" for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services. Urgent news items for the radio news may be telephoned to the radio news editor, Mark EI6HPB on 086 355 2370.

Please note that items for the radio news should reach the editor no later than midday on Thursday in order to be guaranteed inclusion in the following Sunday's bulletin.

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